forms and overnight shelters for the passengars and whether there are any plans for development in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Upgradation of facilities on trains is a continuous process.

(c) A Directorate of Passenger Amenities has been set up to ensure effective coordination in policy formulation on passenger amenities. A machinery for the redressal of passenger complaints is already in existence.

(d) Basic amenities like seating arrangements, drinking water, Waiting Halls, sanitized latrines, electric lighting, proper booking arrangements, shady trees, suitable platforms etc. are provided at the stations as per the stipulated norms based on the volume of traffic dealt with. The amenities are reviewed from time to time and deficiencies, if any, are made good subject to availability of funds.

Legislation to ban sex determination tests

*54. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prohibit the tests to determine the sex of an unborn child through a central legislation in view of the misuse of the tests to prevent the birth of a female child;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a survey regarding the bad effects of such tests and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The entire question of enacting a legislation for regulating sex determination tests is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, there is no need for such a survey.

Replacing of Dornier aircraft in Vayudoot

*55. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot propose to replace the Dornier aircraft with a bigger aircraft;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what type of aircraft are proposed to be purchased for Vayudoot; and

(d) whether any expert Committee had been set up for the purpose and if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In order to meet the projected increase in traffic and to replace some of the again aircraft Vayudoot proposes to acquire some 40 plus seater aircraft. The Committee appointed to determine the capacity requirement of Vayudoot as also to recommend the type and number of aircraft to be purchased has not yet finalised its recommendations.